

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

Mayor Jud Marshall convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with City Council members Richard Brainerd, Lilly Melander, Luke Schlegel, and Jane Schneeweis in attendance. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Bridget Nason, City Engineer John Sachi, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 18, 2022 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES AND THE JANUARY 18, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

City Council member Schlegel asked to amend the January 18, 2022 City Council meeting minutes. He said under item 9 the sentence should read, "The data appears to be classified as public personnel data, not private." City Attorney Nason agreed with the amendment.

City Council member Schlegel moved and City Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to approve the January 18, 2022 City Council Work Session meeting minutes and the January 18, 2022 City Council meeting minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. PRESENTATIONS - None**

**5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Tyge Blomberg – 213 Southgate Parkway said he has been appointed by the neighborhood to voice their concerns regarding the proposed apartment on the St. Andrew's Church property. He said an increase in traffic, potentially lower home values, kids walking to school without access to sidewalks and crime are a few issues they are concerned about. He asked if the school district would have to close open enrollment with additional children moving into the area.

City Council member Brainerd said there will be ample time for neighbors to voice their concerns. He said St. Andrew's will be holding open houses and presenting information at public meetings. He said the Council gave conceptual approval to the Church for the sole purpose of applying for a grant through the Washington County CDA, nothing else. He said the questions and concerns voiced here tonight are the same ones the council voiced during the work session.

Matt Carter, 598 Eastgate Parkway said it would be helpful if they could see what the proposal looks like, it may lower anxiety in the process.

City Administrator Neilson said this was merely a work session to share what they are thinking of doing. We do this a lot with proposed developments that require a comp plan amendment. They were just sharing with us what they are proposing to do. He said we do not know what St. Andrew's timeline is. He said we don't know when or if St. Andrew's is even going to file an application. He said at this point they are looking for housing financing.

City Council member Schneeweis said this is a rigorous, intense process ahead with all kinds of regulations.

City Council member Brainerd said everybody looks for immediate approval but we were very clear at the meeting that they will have to go through the process. He stated this was an informational type of meeting.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**6a. APPROVAL – LMCIT Liability Coverage-Option Not to Waive Statutory Tort Liability Limits.**

The City's insurance agent, Bearence Management Group requested and received approval from the City Council to approve the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) liability coverage waiver form. Staff recommended the City Council not waive the monetary limits as established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04.

**6b. APPROVAL – Agreement with SL-Serco for Meter Reading services for 2022.**

An agreement with SL-Serco for the 2022 meter reading services was approved.

**6c. APPROVAL – Appointment of Jeff Charlesworth to the Park Commission.**

Jeff Charlesworth was appointed to the Parks Commission. His term will expire in April 2025.

**6d. APPROVAL – Resolution Authorizing the Quit Claim of Certain Easements to Washington County.**

Resolution No. 2022-06 a Resolution Authorizing the Quit Claim of Certain Easements to Washington County was approved. The easement of a portion of real property in the Wedgewood Hills Plat will be used for drainage and utility purposes.

**6e. APPROVAL – Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gifts for the Fire Department.**

Resolution No. 2022-05 a Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gifts for the Fire Department was approved. Paragon Pools donated \$300.00 to the fire department.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS-None**

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**8a. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Bill List.**

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

City Administrator Scott Neilson is working to set a date for a Strategic Planning Session. He asked the Council to let him know which one of the following dates works best: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at the public works facility from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. City Administrator Neilson stated the Rite of Spring event will be held at the Mahtomedi Middle School on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He informed the Council that the annual LMC conference will be held June 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 24<sup>th</sup> in Duluth. He said to please let us know and we can make your hotel reservation, the conference registration is not yet available. He explained that the League of Minnesota Cities is in favor of the establishment of a statewide licensure system for massage therapists. He encouraged the Council to see what comes out of the Legislative session before moving forward with city licensing of massage therapists.

City Council member Brainerd suggested writing a letter of support from the City of Mahtomedi encouraging this legislation.

City Attorney Nason said she would draft a letter and bring it back to the Council for their approval at the next council meeting.

**10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

City Council member Brainerd said he attended an LMC regional meeting where they discussed workforce issues such as employee recruitment, retaining employees, etc. He said they agreed to meet again in the fall to discuss positive points that occurred over the previous five to six months.

City Council member Schlegel said he and City Council member Melander attended the skating party. He thanked the Parks Commission and the Public Works staff for a great job.

**11. CLOSED SESSION - None**

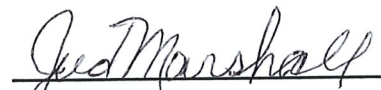
12. ADJOURNMENT

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:

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JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK

  
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JUD MARSHALL, MAYOR